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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

Dear Sir:

In the Advisory Action, dated July 22, 2003, it is noted that the Applicant's response, dated July 15, 2003, was not entered into the record as "it requires consideration, i.e. changes the scope of the claim." Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider this position.

The amendment to claim 1 was done in response to specific direction provided in the June 27, 2003 Advisory Action, which states that such direction had been previously provided in the Office Action of June 9, 2003. To be told that there is "suitable claim language" to define over the cited prior art, and then not have the amendment with the "suitable claim language" entered into the record as "it requires consideration" seems duplicitous. If such suitable claim language was suggested in a prior office, then any Applicant would have presumed that the appropriate consideration was made at the time of the original suggestion.

It is requested that the response filed on July 15, 2003 be reconsidered, the amendments entered, and the arguments presented by Applicant be given serious consideration in order to advance this application in an efficient manner, as required by the MPEP.

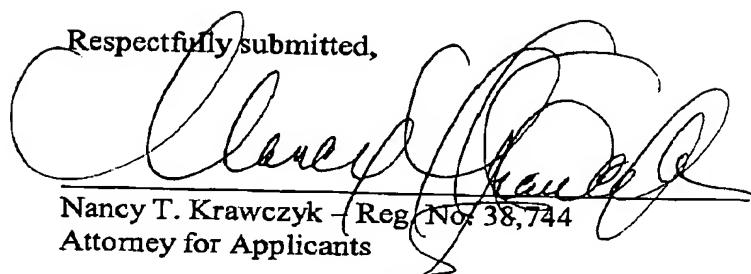
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